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THE STAR, or to the Editorial or Bust- layed five months? ness Departments, according to tenor or purpose.

The St. Louis Platform.

the corner? Is there anything in the St. Louis platform as important as the thing that was purposely left out? Will not the campaign ring with that surrender? The

But the tariff plank will not escape at- tain this sentence: tention. Much had been promised in the way of conservatism in that matter. We were to hear nothing further of a nature to alarm the business interests. What had 'Rooseveltism.'" been accomplished under the aegis of protection was, we were told, too plain for appears this language: "We denounce prothe few." That is a very definite statement, and the party responsible for it can hope for no support from the manifold inand is still dependent upon, the American policy thus so roundly denounced. There are thirteen words in the statement quoteda fatal number-and they were adopted on

The abuse of the trusts is of small moment. It was expected. The trust magnates will not be offended by it. They will rate it as a play to the galleries, and will speculate more on who will be Attorney General in the event of Judge Parker's

no votes. It may increase the activity of the Filipino junta at Hongkong, and temporarily encourage the malcontents in the archipelago, but that is all.

Taken in its entirety, there is so much in the platform to serve republican purposes that the opposition could hardly have done prepare the instrument.

Signs of Panic.

The failure of the democratic convention to mention the money question in the platform adopted last night has thrown the The Star today from the New York Times. World and Sun to understand the feeling of horror that swept through the metro- mirable. that not only had Mr. Hill yielded to Mr. Bryan in committee, but that the convention had swallowed the emasculated platform entire without a grimace. These outbursts of indignant apprehension as to the result of the Bryan stroke are a highly New York Evening Post, which has been of money principles by the democracy.

That was before the convention acted. while there was yet a chance to overrule and give the eastern states, with their large delegations, their proportionate Mr. Hearst's American, seeking to derive some comfort from the situation with its ing the trip. own particular Hamlet out of the cast, says that "there are some serious omissions from the platform which are sure to receive sharp attention."

Verily, the eastern section of the democratic party does not appear to be in a happy frame of mind today.

New Yorkers are fighting for cheaper fares to Coney Island with the determination of suburbanites who do not intend to submit to isolation from the center of in-

Fortunately the management did not put their dependence on Santos-Dumont's airship as a leading attraction at the Louisi-

ana purchase exposition. Mr. Thomas Lawson, finding no opportunity for challenging a yachtsman this

summer, shows a disposition to challenge

the leading financiers to a debate. Mr. McKelway and Mr. Cleveland.

The Broklyn Eagle is entirely mistaken in its reading of The Star's editorial on the subject of Mr. Cleveland's letter to Mr. McKelway apparently discouraging tion with another nomination to the presidency. Mr. Mckelway was not attacked, but praised for his part in the transaction. He had been open and sincere in land's letter he turned at once to Judge the face of the fact that nearly every other prominent Clevelandite in New York was inspired by the letter to increased activity in Mr. Cleveland's behalf. The letter, indeed, seemed to act as a trumpet call to harder work; and the Clevelandites obeyed the call. If Mr. warmest friends do not know the man. It had the effect of the coy maiden's "no," and the proposition was pressed with

letter, very brief and to the point, put a stop to it immediately. Nobody, friend or and direct that everybody accepted at once Kinley's friends were silenced, and, upon attitude. Mr. Cleveland's letter produced a deadly weapon. If he fired only in sport, alte effect upon his friends

tion to differ with him and try to overrule

The Eagle is also mistaken in its hero. movable individual its fancy has conjured only, is a point against him, even though up. Has the Eagle never heard of how the day were July 4 and the occasion sugcertain Mr. Cleveland was at one time that gested the use of noise-making devices of he did not want, and no man should have, that character. The fact that he was drunk THE EVENING STAR has a regular and a second term in the White House? Has and disorderly, and that he shot, howe permanent Family Circulation much it never heard of his effort in 1888, made more than the combined circulation of through Mr. Gorman, to take the back discharge of his duty, is also seriously the other Washington dailies. As a track on his famous tariff message of the against him. The case as a whole presents News and Advertising Medium it has previous December? Has it never read the spectacle of drunken criminal conduct, Henry Villard's account of how, in a few and should be treated with reference to the hours, before he could publish Mr. Cleve-TIn order to avoid delays on account of land's promise to call a special session of nity. It is to be hoped that its disposal personal absence, letters to TRE STAR Congress immediately after the 4th of will not put a premium upon the use of should not be addressed to any individual March, 1803, to act on the silver question pistol wads as deadly missiles. connected with the office, but simply to the promise was revoked, and the call de-

Mr. Cleveland, during his eight years in Washington, impressed nearly everybody, and particularly the leaders of his party in the two houses of Congress, as being as Will the rejected stone become chief of foxy a politician as had ever come down the national pike.

Anything to Win. Usually the "key-note" of a political campeople have not forgotten the money issue. paign is sounded in the open convention of Nor had the politicians at St. Louis for- the party. In opening speeches by temgotten it. An effort was made to get an porary or permanent chairmen, or in nomiexpression on the subject, but it failed. A nating speeches or in the preamble of the so-called gold plank-it was a good deal platform ordinarily occurs some word or of a subterfuge-was defeated in the plat- phrase or paragraph or statement of prinform committee by a vote of 35 to 15- ciple which gives the party its shibboleth more than two to one. Subsequently a for the ensuing fight. But this year the proposition to renew the effort in open democracy heard its "key-note" uttered in convention was defeated at a meeting of the privacy of a committee room, behind the New York delegation by a vote of 50 to the doors that shut off the crowd from the 23. The question was not dodged. It was wrangling delegates struggling to build a brought up, and by the men from Judge platform. It was former United States Parker's own state. An expression in favor | Senator Cannon of Utah, he who walked of the gold standard was formally and out of the republican convention of eight overwhelmingly rejected by the democratic years ago because of his devotion to a party in convention. No other act half so cherished principle, who uttered it. The important as that took place at St. Louis. reports of the committee's proceedings con-

"Mr. Cannon, in closing, contended that

A close reading of the platform and a scrutiny of the candidate named early this further discussion. The democracy wanted morning will show that so far the demoonly a reasonable revision of the Dingley cratic party has joyously adopted Mr. schedules. But in the platform adopted | Cannon's sentiment as its watchword for the campaign. It is a case of "anything tection as a robbery of the many to enrich to win and anyone to win with." The platform is a mass of platitudes on the points of real significance and a yawning void on the question of most vital interest terests whose prosperity is founded on, to the country. It is a more or less skillful avoidance of plain speaking and of substantial principles. It aims merely at a counter across the position taken by the republicans and the record made by that party. It is strictly and simply a bid for the votes of those who want a change, whether they know why or not.

This is a deplorable spectacle, however heartening it may be to the republican partisans and the admirers and wellwishers of Mr. Roosevelt. It is saddening to see a great national party lowering itdeliverance about the Philippines will catch self deliberately to the plane of mere opportunism in set terms and by conscious act. The lure of office, the temptation of personal power, the bait of possible advantage and gain-these have taken the place of a desire to benefit the country, to reform real evils, to strike fearlessly at sordid conditions or to upbuild and strengthen better if it had been commissioned itself to those parts of government that are good and wholesome. This is the part of the

destroyer, the iconoclast. Fortunately the American voters are intelligent enough as a rule to see through such a feeble subterfuge as a platform ostensibly declaring "principles" but actually conservative organs of that party in New covering thinly the sheer desire for conquest. The cry of "victory at any cost" sion. It is necessary only to read the will not reach far in these days of a keen liberal extracts printed in another part of thing distinct and progressive and ad-"Cannonism" means nothing

Judge Parker.

The democratic nominee for the presidency is a gentleman of ability, of irreproachable character, and a worthy citizen in the best sense of the word. All things considered, he was easily the strongest alarm uttered yesterday afternoon by the man, bar none, who figured in the speculahoping for a "safe and sane" declaration put its best foot foremost, therefore, in calling him to its leadership. It acted in the premises not only wisely, but logically. It responded to the new combination efthe democrats wish to end the campaign right here, they have but to fall into the silver mire again. On anything but an affirmation of the gold standard Judge Parker cannot stand. Short of it, the party has not a gleam of hope before it. Parker cannot stand. Short of it, the party has not a gleam of hope before it. The conservative democrats are in full control and he is now the candidate. On personal at St. Louis. If they do not exercise their strength and stamp out the firebrands, the grounds no criticism lies. As man and firebrands will burn them up, and the party, citizen he is as far above reproach as Mr. Roosevelt, and that insures a campaign where the principles of the two parties will bear the weight of the discussion.

Dowie says he was not abroad on a missionary tour. When Mr. Dowie started it strength in a full vote in convention. Even looked as if he was merely out to receive any benefit that chance might turn up dur-

> General Miles is now in the position of a man who need not submit himself to the cross-examination of the temperance societies as to the ingredients of his summer

> The declaration against trusts in the democratic platform will hardly surprise their promoters. The business is one which does not depend on complimentary notices.

The common people of Russia refuse to

develop any enthusiasm. They are convinced that there is nothing in it for them no matter which way a battle goes. The date of the convention made it im-

possible for some of the democratic orators to utilize the Fourth of July to the usual

The question of how rapid steamship travel may be made is interesting, but not so important as the question of how safe.

All that Tammany asks is that the result at St. Louis shall not be construed as a personal victory for David B. Hill.

The Fourth of July is past, and the fire and accident insurance companies may breathe once more.

The Degree of Young's Guilt. The killing of Policeman Smith by a soldier from Fort Myer is likely to involve a of the degree of Young's guilt. It is literally another case of "didn't know it was loaded," if the slayer's confession is correct. He claims to have had his pockets filled with the blank cartridges issued by the army for drill purposes, and to have loaded his pistol with them. He admits firing at the policeman, but with these car-Cleveland's letter was not a "plant" his tridges only, and therefore with no idea of killing him. The autopsy discloses that Smith was not wounded with a bullet, thus verifying Young's account of the shooting to that extent. Thus the issue in the case rests upon the question of how far the solbecame the subject of some gossip about dier was intent upon injuring the policeanother term in the White House, and in a man, and to what extent he realized the supposed harmlessness of his weapon. He admits being so drunk that his recollection foe, said anything further on the subject. of his movements during the evening is The terms employed were so very plain hazy and incomplete. He thus assumes the responsibility of demonstrating to the satthe deliverance at its face value. Mr. Mc- isfaction of the court and jury that he was able to distinguish, in his moment of more reflection, expressed themselves as not only or less passionate resentment at the poconverted to his views, but as proud of his liceman's action, between an innocuous and

without deadly intent, his case is d

heat, drawing his weapon under an impulse which took no reckoning of its exact char-Mr. Cleveland is not that direct and im- pistol, whether loaded with balls or wads innocently, at a policeman in the proper effect of its disposition upon the commu-

The experience of the Japanese in firing on their own torpedo boats will give the Russians hope that if they can avoid similar errors their passive policy will win in

Perhaps the Filipinos will congratulate themselves on being exempted from the difficulties and temptations which beset the inexperienced hand in politics.

As nothing occurred at the convention to imperil its local sources of revenue. Tammany is managing to enjoy itself in spite

of certain rebuffs. It is said that Mr. Hearst's presidential canvas cost him nearly one and one-half millions of dollars. The question of who got the money arises.

Some of the men who declared months ago that they would not be candidates were more accurate than they hoped to be. The cheers in St. Louis doubtless com-

pensated Mr. Cleveland even for the failure Judge Parker agrees with President Roosevelt that an absence of enthusiastic demonstration is often a sign of strength.

SHOOTING STARS.

Gone With the Crowd. "You advocated 16 to 1 once upon a time, didn't you?"

"Yes," answered the old-time populist. "Well, what do you think about it now?" "Mister," was the reply, "I'm like the rest of the public. I just don't think about it."

"Why do you refuse to abandon polyg-

"Because," answered the Mormon, "I can't see the sense in working hard to support one woman instead of letting five or six work hard to support me.'

"De trouble 'bout bein' an orator." said Uncle Eben, "is dat as soon as de people gits through cheerin' you remarks, de brass band strikes up an' makes 'em fohgit every word you done said."

A Convention Philosopher.

My Uncle Jim is purty smart, A first-class politician. He spoke the speech he knew by heart, An' then he went a-fishin'

To Be Encouraged. "What do you think of a politician who

has nothing to say?" "Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "if he can recognize the fact and keep quiet accordingly, he deserves a great deal of

Fame.

The public veers From friend to friend: Upon its cheers

We hall with glee A favorite son; Next year we see A different one.

With talk he seeks The pace to set. His piece he speaks;

Then we forget. The banners float: We say, "Hooray!" And then we vote

Another way.

National Conventions or Mobs?

The disorder that has occurred in the gigantic barn at St. Louis, with its ten night the voice of the reader could not be heard more than ten feet away. As it was adopted without discussion, most of the deldepended upon the newspapers for their knowledge of its character. In that vast structure and in presence of the gigantic and excitable mob that packed the galleries anything in the nature of serious deliberation or debate would be impossible. Hence the platform, the declaration of policy on which a great party asks to be intrusted with the government of the nation is framed, not by the thousand delegates, but by the fifty members of the committee.

Mr. Bryan Has Not "Passed."

From the New York World. The World wishes to retract anything it has said in regard to the passing of Mr. Bryan from the leadership of the demo-cratic party. Mr. Bryan has not passed. He seems to be stronger than ever. At Kansas City in 1900, with a unanimous con-vention behind him, he succeeded only in dictating the platform and the candidate. But at St. Louis, with more than two-thirds of the delegates against him, he has succeeded in dictating the platform. This is a far greater achievement, and the prince of populists may well chuckle when he thinks of the abject homage that was paid him by conservative democracy's overwhelming but white-livered majority.

Hearst on Hobson.

From the New York American. "Hobson was loudly cheered when he said

it was a democratic President who alone had been brave enough to enforce the laws against labor unions."

The one feature of President Roosevelt's administration which most deserves the approval of men of heart, judgment and patriotism was his settlement of the coal strike by consultation, conciliation and ar-bitration. That act shines out nobly in contrast with Cleveland's military raid into Chicago against the railroad strikersfeat for which he won the lasting gratitude of every trust in the country. In charity it must be supposed that the St. Louis convention did not hear exactly what Capt. Hobson was saying. As for that heroic young man himself, it is to be regretted that he abandoned the fighter's trade. He is out of place in civil life, and particularly as a spokesman for democrats.

Consistent.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. Colorado means red in Spanish. Nobody

The Expert at Work. From the Kansas City Star.

One of the first official acts of Paul Morton, the new Secretary of the Navy, will doubtless be to arrange for new round-houses for the warships and provide net-ting for the mosquito fleet. A Queered Forecast.

From the St. Louis Republic. Democracy's platform will be a positive document, characteristic of progress. It will record democracy's application of its eternal principles to the living phases of American existence.

Read Both Speeches.

from the Cleveland Leader. John Sharp Williams made the "keynote" speech for the democrats, as did Elihu Root for the republicans. In all soberness, fairness—yea, eagerness—do we adjure intelligent voters to read the two and compare 17800 1-lb. loaves to the barrel.

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